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foreign government to facilitate the participation of such Federal employee in a cultural exchange—

22 USC 2452.

"(A) which is of the type described in section 102(a)(2)(i) of this Act,

22 USC 2451.

"(B) which is conducted for a purpose comparable to the purpose stated in section 101 of this Act, and

"(C) which is specifically approved by the Secretary of State for purposes of this section;

but the Congress does not consent to the acceptance by any Federal employee of any portion of any such grant or other form of assistance which provides assistance with respect to any expenses incurred by or for any member of the family or household of such Federal employee.

"Federal employee."

"(2) For purposes of this section, the term 'Federal employee' means any employee as defined in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of section 7342(a)(1) of title 5 of the United States Code, but does not include a person described in subparagraph (F) of such section.

"(b) The grants and other forms of assistance with respect to which the consent of Congress is given in subsection (a) of this section shall not constitute gifts for purposes of section 7342 of title 5 of the United States Code.

Regulations.

"(c) The Secretary of State is authorized to promulgate regulations for purposes of this section."

ANNUITY INCREASES FOR ALIEN EMPLOYEES

22 USC 889.

Sec. 112. Section 444(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1)" immediately after "(a)"; and

(2) by inserting the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

Regulations.

"(2) The Secretary may, under such regulations as he may prescribe, make supplemental payments, out of funds appropriated after the date of enactment of this subparagraph for salaries and expenses, to any civil service annuitant who is a former alien employee of the Service (or is a survivor of a former alien employee of the Service) in order to offset exchange rate losses, if the annuity being paid such annuitant is based on (A) a salary that was fixed in a foreign currency that has appreciated in value in terms of the United States dollar, and (B) service in a country in which (as determined by the Secretary) the average retirement benefits being received by those who have retired from competitive local organizations are superior to the local currency value of civil service annuities plus any other retirement benefits payable to alien employees who have retired during similar time periods and after comparable careers with the United States Government."

MEMBERSHIP AUTHORITY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 113. The President is authorized to maintain United States membership in the International Cotton Advisory Committee, the International Lead and Zinc Study Group, the International Rubber Study Group, and the International Seed Testing Association.

PANAMA CANAL

Sec. 114. Any new Panama Canal treaty or agreement negotiated with funds appropriated under this title must protect the vital interests